GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1419
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IRON DEFICIENCY IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of poor children and women affected by iron deficiency in the country, particularly in Rajasthan, Orissa, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to tackle this problem?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) The State-wise percentage of children (6-35 months) and women reported to be anaemic, as per the National Family Health Survey-2 (1998-99) is given in the annexure.

(b) Under the Reproductive and Child Health Programme prophylaxis and treatment of iron-deficiency anaemia is under implementation. Every pregnant woman is given 100 tablets of iron and folic acid (large). Pregnant women found to be anaemic are given double this number. Anaemic children in the age group 1-5 years are given 100 tablets of Iron and folic acid (small). These drugs are supplied to the Sub-centres as a part of the Drug Kit A. Every Sub- centre is supplied 30,000 tablets of iron and folic acid (large) and 26000 tablets of iron and folic acid (small) every year.

Annexure referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1419 to be answered on 24th July, 2002.

Percentage of children (6-35 months) and women with anaemia

Sl.No.	Children	Women
	INDIA	74.3	51.8
1. North			
2.		
Delhi	69	40.5
Haryana	83.9	47.0
Himachal Pr.	69.9	40.5
Jammu & Kashmir	71.1	58.7
Punjab	80	41.4
Rajasthan	82.3	48.5
CENTRAL		
3.		
Madhya Pr.	75	54.3
Uttar Pradesh	73.9	48.7
EAST		
4.		
Bihar	81.3	63.4
Orissa	72.3	63.0
West Bengal	78.3	62.7
NORTHEAST		
5.		
Arunachal Pr.	84.2	62.5
Assam	63.2	69.7
Manipur	44.1	28.9

Meghalaya	64.1	63.3
Mizoram	53.9	48.0
Nagaland	41.4	38.4
Sikkim	76.5	61.1
WEST		
6.		
Goa	53.4	36.4
Gujarat	74.5	46.3
Maharastra	76	48.5
SOUTH		
7		
Andhra Pradesh	72.3	49.8
Karnataka	70.6	42.4
Kerala	43.9	22.7
Tamil Nadu	69	56.5

Source: National Family Health Survey (NFHS-2) 1998-99